

House File 2243 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act appropriating funds to the economic development
2 authority to support healthy food choices at farmers'
3 markets for eligible food assistance program participants.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY — SUPPLEMENTAL
2 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS — HEALTHY FOOD
3 PURCHASES. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
4 state to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
5 beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following
6 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
7 purposes designated:

8 To provide grants to main street communities under the main
9 street Iowa program for nonprofit farmers' market associations
10 to incentivize supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP)
11 participants to spend their benefits on fresh fruits and
12 vegetables at farmers' markets across the state:

13 \$ 75,000

14 A grant application submitted by a main street community
15 shall contain a commitment of a 25 percent match of the grant
16 assistance. Grant moneys shall not be used for administrative
17 purposes.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund of the
22 state to the economic development authority for the fiscal
23 year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, to
24 provide grants to main street communities under the main street
25 Iowa program for nonprofit farmers' market associations to
26 incentivize supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP)
27 participants to spend their benefits on fresh fruits and
28 vegetables at farmers' markets across the state. A main street
29 community shall provide a commitment of a 25 percent match
30 of the grant assistance. Grant moneys cannot be used for
31 administrative purposes.